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AND ON THE 7TH DAY, DOG WAS FINISHED

Local artist Gordon Sparks puts a few finishing touches on a large snow sculpture of his dog Harley on Tuesday in Halifax. It took Gordon six days to create the piece, using a snow shovel, a machete and a spatula. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Transit asks for fare hike

Money matters.

Riders seem resigned to proposed 25¢ increase

Last increase was in 2008

If the fare hike is approved in the 2013-14 budget, it will be the first increase since 2008.

As Metro Transit makes its case to regional councillors for a fare hike, most transit users say it won't affect how often they ride the bus or ferry.

Transit officials will present the draft 2013-14 budget plans to HRM's audit and finance committee Wednesday, which includes a proposed 25-cent rate increase that will boost the cost of every trip to \$2.50 per person.

"Twenty-five cents is 25 cents," said Kersten Carrigan as she waited at the Barrington Street terminal on Tuesday. "It's just as much as people will complain about ... in gas. Basically, it's nothing to me."

But some riders say they already have a difficult time affording public transit.

"I'm on a budget and, let me tell you, it's high enough as it is," said Les Steeves at the Barrington stop.

The transit presentation indicates the fare hike will pay for technological upgrades,

and reduce the burden on taxpayers.

Donnie Fraser said he wasn't surprised about the increase, because oil and gas prices continue to rise across the country.

"It would go back up," Fraser said about the fare, adding he will keep taking the bus because it's the only way he can get around.

Also waiting at the Barrington stop, Joan, who didn't want to give her last name, said the hike is the cost of getting better service.

"It's hard for people to pay the increases, but it's hard for (Metro Transit) to keep these amount of buses going ... and they take you to a lot more places than they ever did," Joan said, adding she takes advantage of free rides for seniors. "It's the same as running a home, you have to put everything on the burners."

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Commission. Marriage law application to common-law couples to be reviewed

The Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia is planning to examine whether the provincial law that governs marriage should apply to common-law couples.

The advisory group says the review is prompted by a Supreme Court of Canada decision last week that said Quebec is not required to include common-law couples in its matrimonial property legislation.

That decision has placed the often-contentious issue back with provincial governments.

The commission says some argue that under existing law in Nova Scotia, partners in common-law relationships aren't properly protected when property is divided in the event of a breakup.

On the other hand, the commission also says that some common-law couples may choose to remain unmarried in order to avoid the financial and property-sharing obligations of married couples after a separation.

In Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories, legislation regards common-law couples as spouses for purposes of dividing family property.

British Columbia has recently introduced changes to include common-law couples as well.

In those provinces, common-law couples can also opt out of the legislative regime by mutual agreement.

The commission will examine laws in other jurisdictions, public perceptions of the rights and obligations of common-law spouses, and the financial consequences of breakups for both types of relationships.

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The Rona in Bayers Lake, which opened in April 2008 and employs about 100 people, will close April 29. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Home-improvement giant bows out of Bayers Lake

Moving on. Rona closing largest HRM store in late April; search underway for new, smaller location



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Almost five years after opening, the Rona store in Bayers Lake is closing its doors.

The Horseshoe Lake Drive location — the largest Rona store in HRM — will close to the public on April 29, according to an email from a spokesperson at the company headquarters in Boucherville, Que.

Quoted

"I think they gave it a fair shake, and that's private-sector." Coun. Reg Rankin

"Our intention was to have a new location ready to transfer our teams and customers to.... We were unable to have a new secured location confirmed before the building was needed by the new owner," wrote Michelle Laberge.

Laberge said negotiations are underway to secure a new location, but said it's unlikely that it would be ready for business by the time the current store closes at the end of April.

"Given the time needed for construction, it is unlikely,"

she said. "We have been working on finding a new location to be able to transfer our employees to since last spring. It has been more challenging than expected."

The Bayers Lake location opened in April 2008 and employed roughly 100 people, some of whom will be offered positions at other HRM stores.

Coun. Reg Rankin, whose district includes Bayers Lake, said he's not surprised by the decision.

"In that area, you have Kent, Home Depot — they're

certainly going to remain," he said. "So Rona was prepared to take a piece of that market and evidently it's not working out."

Rankin said the Rona closure is no reflection on the location.

"I think it's not indicative of a decline in Bayers Lake in terms of dynamics; I think it remains a place to be," he said. "So it's certainly not discouraging to me as a destination area."

Rona bought the five Pierces locations in HRM in June 2010, hoping to increase its share of the building-supplies market.



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Clean energy. Project gets support for next step

Halifax councillors joined in a chorus of praise Tuesday for a clean-energy project that would provide heating and cooling in the downtown core.

Council brought the East Port District Energy Project one step closer to fruition, voting unanimously in favour of spending up to \$300,000 to hire an outside consultant to study the project.

The project involves the construction of a facility that would generate electrical power from a natural-gas boiler and recycle the waste heat to provide hot water for heating, a staff report said. The facility would use sea water for cooling.

Coun. Barry Dalrymple called the project a "tremendous opportunity."

"This is the type of project that municipalities and cities are getting into across the country," Dalrymple told council. "Personally, I think this is a wonderful project for the municipality."

According to the staff report, East Port Energy has proposed that HRM become a 25 per cent partner, covering between \$28 million and \$37 million in start-up costs. Two other investors — Emera Inc. and AltaGas Ltd. — would cover the remainder.

Staff have recommended the city offer its investment



Coun. Wayne Mason METRO FILE

conditional on an 8.5 per cent return on investment (about \$2 million a year).

Coun. Jennifer Watts said the project is forward-thinking. "Municipalities need to be partners in these types of projects," said Watts.

Coun. Wayne Mason agreed, saying that the energy project would be the "first of hopefully many."

"This is a huge piece of Halifax's future," said Mason.

Two potential customers include the Halifax Central Library and Nova Centre, both of which are currently under construction. This adds to the project's urgency, staff noted in a presentation to council.

The report indicated staff will ask the province for partial funding. **ALY THOMSON/FOR METRO**

Pedestrians. Council agrees to safety report

Halifax council has taken a few steps towards improving pedestrian safety.

A request from Coun. Steve Craig for a detailed report that includes a short-term action plan for this fiscal year to address pedestrian safety was approved unanimously at Tuesday's council meeting.

The report will include a long-term action plan for 2013-14. Staff will also analyze data from the province on pedestrian accidents and compare them to other municipalities.

The motion received support from most councillors, with many noting that recognized experts must be involved in developing protocols.

"It has to be based on sound principles," said Coun. Linda

Mosher. "You can't put politics into safety."

Following the report's approval, Coun. Darren Fisher then moved to fast-track plans for a pedestrian-safety advisory committee.

Coun. Russell Walker said he couldn't support creating the committee without knowing more details.

"It seems to me that we're kind of flying blind here on passion," he said. "This is a knee-jerk reaction in my opinion."

After some debate, the motion was amended to include a staff report on the committee's authority and membership, which will go to the transportation standing committee in a few weeks. **ALY THOMSON/METRO**

the strategic priorities for the downtown as outlined in a Greater Halifax Partnership economic plan.

That would include launching a \$50-million intergovernmental capital improvement campaign to "repair and enhance the public realm in the urban core."

It would also include establishing a fund for beautification, public art and infrastructure improvements. **ALY THOMSON/FOR METRO**

Downtown

Councillor seeking major funds for city improvements

A multimillion-dollar improvement campaign could soon be in the works for Halifax's downtown.

Coun. Wayne Mason submitted a notice of motion on Tuesday that would direct staff to produce a report on



Councillors for the peninsula say the sale of public land to developers in areas like Bayers Lake sends the "wrong message" to any potential investors in the downtown core. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

Bayers Lake land sale raises council's concern

Shifting focus.

Councillors emphasize city is done selling public land for development, say it's time to get serious about downtown core

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A Halifax councillor says stakeholders in the city's downtown core should be reassured that the practice of selling public land for development is over, following the approval of an agreement to expand Bayers Lake Business Park.

Quoted

"I think it sends the wrong message to people who are concerned about downtown."

District 7 Councillor Wayne Mason

Council approved a buy-back agreement on Tuesday with Banc Developments Ltd. for a 180-acre parcel of land adjacent to the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Regional Park.

It's one of the last pieces of land owned by the municipality that will be sold off to be developed, said Coun. Wayne Mason.

Mason told council the development "sends the wrong message to people who are concerned about downtown," although he

noted that the approval of the agreement was mostly a "housekeeping measure."

"Part of the regional plan is that the city ... is getting out of developing property," said Mason outside the council chambers.

"The key thing that downtown businesses need to know is that this has been underway for three years ... and there aren't other pieces of big land up next. This is it."

Coun. Jennifer Watts echoed Mason's concerns,

saying that it serves as a heads-up that the municipality should be supporting "strong and healthy businesses in the urban core."

The agreement means the municipality can buy the land back if it's not developed in a timely manner.

The timeline of the project is part of a confidential report, which won't be released until the transaction has closed.

Coun. Russell Walker raised concerns about that timeline, but staff reassured council that Banc Developments is satisfied with the terms of the agreement.

The land will be developed in two phases and will include a mix of retail and commercial developments, according to a staff report.

The fight to ferment: Law pits small business against NSLC

Court battle. Liquor corp. headed to court to crack down on outfits that allow making of wine, beer on the premises

Let the market decide

"You're not building the confidence of the business community by coming out with these barriers."

Richard Dunn, Canadian Federation of Independent Business

A Nova Scotia law that spells out where hobbyists can make their own wine and beer has uncorked a torrent of condemnation among observers who say the province is picking on the little guy.

The Nova Scotia Liquor Corp. is seeking a court order to stop the owners of Wine Kitz Halifax and Water 'n' Wine in New Glasgow from producing wine and beer in their stores.

The Crown organization says it's merely trying to uphold provincial law, which allows people to brew at home, but not in stores.

However, Richard Dunn, a senior policy analyst with the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, argues that the law is anti-competitive and threatens the underpinnings of a free market.

"It's turf protection for the liquor corporation," he said. "And it comes at the expense of private enterprise."

Regulatory changes introduced by the province in 2011 give the NSLC the authority to seek a court order to prevent businesses from letting customers use brew kits on their premises.

The owners of Wine Kitz and Water 'n' Wine are contesting the injunction. The matter is slated to return to Nova Scotia Supreme Court next month.

The province notes that in-store wine and beer production is permitted in five provinces: Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

Nova Scotia's distinction as the only Maritime province to ban the practice has unleashed frustration and disbelief in newspaper columns and letters to the editor.

Finance Minister Maureen MacDonald, who oversees the Liquor Control Act, declined repeated requests for comment as the matter is before the courts.

NSLC spokeswoman Terri Mosher said the corporation is defending the interests of law-abiding businesses that want action taken against so-called U-vints and U-brews.

She said one of the NSLC's main objections to in-store brewing is safety, not revenue loss.

"They're manufacturing unregulated product in a retail environment," she said.

Wine Kitz owner Ross Harrington defended his product, saying the corporation is simply throwing its weight around. He said the NDP government's reputation among entrepreneurs is being strained as a result.

"I think the public outcry is obvious," he said. "The optics for the government are bad."

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Ross Harrington, owner of Wine Kitz Halifax, offers on-site fermentation services to customers who buy kits for making wine. He is involved in a legal battle with the Nova Scotia Liquor Corp., which is seeking a court order to stop the practice on the grounds that it's against provincial liquor laws. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cross-country oil pipelines 'the best possible choice' for Canada, experts say

Every region of Canada must be open to exploring diversified energy choices and considering new markets, oil-industry officials say.

Dr. Brenda Kenny, CEO of the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association, told a Chamber of Commerce audience on Tuesday that it's critical to diversify trade and ensure Canada is competitive in the global market.

"Right now in pipelines, we're capacity-short," she said during the luncheon at Casino Nova Scotia, adding that the shortfall is costing the country billions in lost revenue.

Connecting all areas of Canada with pipelines would give consumers the "best possible choice at the best possible price," she said.

Expanding pipelines to markets such as Asia, where economic growth is steadily outpacing that of both Europe and the U.S., could also give Canada a boost. "It could be a game-changer for this country and create prosperity," Kenny said.

Don Thompson, executive adviser for Canadian Oil Sands



Expanding pipes across Canada and to markets such as Asia "could be a game-changer for this country and create prosperity," says Brenda Kenny, CEO of the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Ltd., talked about using wind, hydro, nuclear and geothermal power alongside oil and natural gas to fuel our homes and vehicles. "The conversation needs to be about all energy sources and how we can knit them together for the benefit of this country, rather than focusing on one," he said.

Thompson, who has worked in the oilsands sector for 33 years and called it a "national

treasure," joked that bringing oil to Atlantic Canadians would be a reward for all those who have moved to work in Fort McMurray — and it would also benefit local suppliers and manufacturers.

Kenny said a pipeline to Nova Scotia with oil possibly refined in Montreal or Saint John is possible, if the economics make sense.

HALEY RYAN/METRO

Job action

St FX workers nix contract offer

Maintenance workers at St. Francis Xavier University have rejected a tentative contract with the Antigonish school. In a ratification vote

on Monday, 87 per cent of the workers who cast ballots turned down the deal. The 115 employees, members of the Canadian Auto Workers Union, include cleaners, rink and pool operators, skilled trades, power engineers and groundskeepers. A union spokesperson said major

issues for the workers are pensions and wages. The last contract expired in September and the two sides began negotiations in November. About 400 faculty and support workers at the university walked off the job on Monday over wages.

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Metro in Vancouver

The only sound I hear is that of my own body breathing in and out.

It's been that way since I climbed into a snug hole carved into the side of Revelstoke Mountain Resort in B.C., and flashed a "thumbs-up" sign to ski patrol.

As I lay there in the fetal position, the patroller covered my one escape with large slabs of snow and ice.

"Are you OK? I'm going to fill in the cracks with snow now," he says.

The outside world is silent for the next 15 minutes, although everyone on the surface says they keep trying to communicate with me.

I can't tell.

Today, I've been put in the role of an avalanche victim.

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Al Roberts and his faithful companion, Sadie, a seven-year-old Belgian shepherd cross, bide their time in the kennel atop the ski hill when Roberts hears "go ahead" over the static on his radio.

Sadie knows it's time to work.

She leaps out of her cage and barks excitedly as Roberts steps into his ski bindings and starts descending the mountain.

In a few minutes, they'll be at the site of a simulated avalanche where a "victim" is buried underneath a pile of snow.

To the naked eye, it's impossible to tell where I'm buried.

Sadie impatiently paces



The Canadian Avalanche Rescue Dog Association's Sadie pokes her head through the snow during a rescue simulation in Revelstoke, B.C., on Jan. 8.
MATT KIELTYKA/METRO IN VANCOUVER

back and forth as they reach the bottom of the run.

"Are you ready to go to work?" Roberts works Sadie up into a frenzy. "Search!"

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The sound of my breathing is joined by a faint rustle overhead.

Although I'm not in real danger, my spirit soars on a gust of optimism as rustling turns to scratching and scratching turns to the distinct sounds of paws digging through snow and hurried panting.

Bits of snow come free and sprinkle down on me as the sounds get louder.

Suddenly an en-

Sadie and her owner, Al Roberts, have been CARDAs-validated for five years, and in that time they've honed their rescue skills.

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tire block comes down and I see Sadie's wet nose poke through the opening.

She barks, grabs the old, raggedy sweater I'm holding in my left hand and starts tugging at it, helping me as I claw my way out of the cold prison with my free arm.

Roberts, his boots crunching on fresh powder as he races toward us, keeps Sadie motivated.

"What did you find? There's a good girl, good girl."

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It was a minute and 30 seconds from the time Roberts shouted "Search!" to the moment Sadie homed in on my scent and started digging for me.



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Avalanche-control forecaster Troy Leahy and his rescue dog, Penny, are two of the most

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Sadie
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Veteran Revelstoke Search and Rescue volunteers Zuzana Driediger, right, and Buck Corrigan say self-rescue is the norm when avalanches hit in the backcountry. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO IN VANCOUVER

Search-and-rescue volunteers

When a fatal avalanche strikes in the B.C. backcountry, search-and-rescue volunteers are the ones who face the grim task of recovering the bodies.

Situated in what is known as the "powder belt," and boasting the most vertical ski resort in North America, Revelstoke is home to a huge contingent of highly experienced search-and-rescuers.

Buck Corrigan, a veteran manager at Revelstoke Search and Rescue (SAR) who helps co-ordinate a team of about 60, says that, despite the high seasonal risk, avalanche calls

aren't that common. Thanks to the proliferation of knowledge and more people than ever carrying avalanche kits, he gets perhaps one or two per season.

"We went to one last year, and it was over before we got there," he says. "The local group had done a self-rescue, and there was one fatality and by the time we got there it was over. They had recovered the fatality."

"In this part of the world, it's just accepted that you don't go out without a certain amount of equipment."

When an avalanche call

does come in, it's automatically relayed to the experts, day or night, who then rally at a muster station. The SAR team will include a technician to do a risk assessment, paramedics, avalanche-rescue dogs, and a helicopter and heli-sling technicians.

Zuzana Driediger is a part-time Revelstoke SAR volunteer with 20 years' experience. She says some calls are more stressful than others — such as the Size 3.5 avalanche (on a zero-to-five scale) that killed two men in 2010 while 200 snowmobilers were attending an annual

the rescue



familiar faces for skiers at Revelstoke Mountain Resort in B.C. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO IN VANCOUVER

K9 heroes

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The CARDA dogs of Revelstoke

1 Penny

Four-year-old Labrador/
golden retriever cross

Handler: Tory Leahy
Bio: While Leahy, an avalanche-control forecaster at Revelstoke Mountain Resort, is out ensuring the ski hills are safe for the public, Penny usually isn't too far behind.

2 Hero

Five-year-old
German shepherd

Handler: Zuzana Driediger
Bio: As part of Revelstoke Search and Rescue, Hero's most notable mission was responding to the aftermath of the 2010 avalanche at Boulder Mountain during a snowmobiling event that involved more than 200 sledders.

3 Sadie

Seven-year-old
Belgian shepherd cross

Handler: Al Roberts
Bio: A well-trained dog with a keen nose, Sadie is also a fan favourite on the slopes, especially when surprised skiers watch her jump onto a chair lift on her own.

About CARDA

Born out of a loose but long-standing partnership between the RCMP, Parks Canada and the ski industry, the Canadian

Avalanche Rescue Dog Association officially formed in 1982 as a non-profit volunteer organization. There are currently 28 validated CARDA teams (each made up of an owner and a dog) active in

British Columbia, Alberta and Yukon Territory. Teams must be revalidated each year and must attend a winter training course at least every other year.

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pros at keeping calm in crisis

Quoted



"You kind of accept it that that's part of the game in the mountains."

Zuzana Driediger, Revelstoke Search and Rescue volunteer, acknowledging the toll that fatalities can take in her line of work

competition at nearby Boulder Mountain.

She recalled that at one point crews had to stop a man from building a bonfire and pouring gas on it, because the smoke was impeding rescue helicopters. She spent three

days on the scene with her avalanche-rescue dog, Hero, who used his keen sense of smell to help ensure the site was clear and no one was still buried.

"I personally try to stay calm and collected and just look at the big picture and focus on

safety first and what's important," she said of how she copes in a crisis.

"At the time I'm not very emotional. I just focus on the task at hand, but sometimes, yeah, it does affect you later on if there's fatalities involved, but you kind of accept it that that's part of the game in the mountains."

Emergency Management BC reimburses all volunteer search-and-rescue groups for the costs of each rescue, while community organizations help raise money for new equipment.

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Scores of dead bodies dumped in Syrian city

Nationwide violence. Various sources put the number killed on Tuesday at around 160

The bodies of at least 65 people were found in Syria's northern city of Aleppo Tuesday as the government and rebels blamed each other for the mass killing.

The bodies, almost all men in their 20s and 30s, were discovered in the contested neighbourhood of Bustan al-Qasr, according to Rami Abdul-Rahman, director of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. Intense clashes between rebels and government troops have raged in the district since opposition forces launched an offensive on Aleppo in July.

Abdul-Rahman said the identities of the dead were unknown and it was not clear who was behind the killings. A government official told The Associated Press that

the dead were residents of Bustan al-Qasr.

Syrian state TV said the men were killed by members of Jabhat al-Nusra, an al-Qaida-linked group. It said the men were killed after they demanded members of the group to leave their areas.

An activist group, the Local Co-ordination Committees, put the number of bodies at 80. It blamed government forces for the killing.

The same day, a bomb wounded Abdul-Razzak Qtini, once governor of the province of Hama, as he was in his car, said Abdul-Rahman and a neighbour of Qtini.

Earlier Tuesday, rebels stormed a government intelligence complex in the east, freeing at least 11 people held in a prison there, activists said.

Regime warplanes also carried several airstrikes on rebel positions in restive towns and villages around Damascus, the Observatory said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Protesters demand blood for blood in India

Protesters gathered near India's Parliament on Tuesday, demanding the death penalty for six men accused in the fatal gang rape of a young woman on a bus in New Delhi last month. The protesters carried placards saying, "Give us Justice, Hang the Rapists," and shouted slogans before conducting a mock hanging of the men who are facing trial in a special court in New Delhi. Meanwhile, India's Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected a petition to move the trial out of New Delhi. The petition argued that the men would not get a fair trial because of the charged atmosphere in the capital. **ALTAF QADRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Nightclub. Cheap flares linked to lethal blaze

Penny-pinching by a band known for its onstage pyrotechnic displays may have cost more than 230 people their lives at a nightclub in southern Brazil, according to a police inspector leading the investigation into this weekend's deadly blaze.

"The flare lit was for outdoor use only, and the people who lit them know that," Insp. Marcelo Arigony told reporters at a news conference Tuesday. "They chose to buy those because they were cheaper than those that can be used indoors."

Arigony said that the outdoor flares cost a mere \$1.25 a piece, compared to the \$35 price tag for an indoor flare.

Police have said the club's ceiling was covered with an insulating foam made from a combustible material.

A malfunctioning fire extinguisher was not legal, Arigony said, and the club's operating licence had expired in August.

"Any child could have seen that this establishment should not have been open," he said.

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Head of Egypt's military fears nation may collapse



Protesters in Tahrir Square celebrate the capture of an armoured vehicle taken during clashes with security forces in Cairo. **AMR NABIL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Burying their dead from Egypt's wave of violence, residents of the coastal city of Port Said vented their fury at their Islamist president on Tuesday, virtually declaring revolt against his rule.

Meanwhile, the head of the military warned Egypt may collapse under the weight of its turmoil.

Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's grave comments, his first since the crisis began, appeared to push for reconciliation and a solution to the protests and riots across much of the country the past six days.

His words fall heaviest on President Mohammed Morsi, who has failed to contain the unrest as protesters defied his declaration of a month-long state of emergency and curfew in Port Said and two neighbouring cities.

At least 60 people have been killed and hundreds injured since Thursday in clashes between police and protesters. Citizens are raging over what they call Islamist moves to monopolize power and the government's failure to address the country's many woes.

El-Sissi signalled the military would not move to put down protesters, saying troops are in a "grave predicament," forced to balance between "avoiding confrontation" with citizens and protecting state institutions.

In Cairo on Tuesday, rock-throwing protesters clashed with police firing tear gas for another day in battles that escalated after nightfall near Tahrir Square. The mayhem forced the nearby U.S. Embassy to suspend public services.

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Heart of resistance

Port Said's violence touched off Saturday when a court issued death sentences to 21 people over a bloody soccer riot a year ago.

- The verdicts were seen by residents as unfairly targeting Port Said.
- Many believe Morsi is trying to sideline the city because of a tradition of defying authority.

Kazakhstan

20 die in crash of Canadian plane

A Canadian-made airplane carrying at least 20 people crashed today in heavy fog near Kazakhstan's principal city, Almaty, killing all on board.

State news agency Kazinform cites an emergency official at the site as saying the plane was initially denied permission to land due to poor visibility.

The plane made a second approach, but lost its bearings and crashed a few kilometres from the airport. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Pakistan

One slain in attack on polio workers

Gunmen on a motorcycle shot and killed a police officer protecting polio workers during a UN-backed vaccination campaign in northwestern Pakistan on Tuesday, police said.

Some Islamic militants oppose the campaign, accusing health workers of acting as spies for the U.S. and claiming the vaccine is intended to sterilize Muslim children.

In a separate incident in the region, a man wounded a polio worker with an axe. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

India tour. Tories grilled over \$1-million transport

The Conservative government is defending the \$1-million cost of flying armoured vehicles to India for Prime Minister Stephen Harper, saying it was a security decision by the RCMP.

Harper's use of an armoured car and an SUV bearing Canadian licence plates during his November tour prompted New Democrats to formally inquire about the cost.

The final tally was produced this week as parliamentarians returned after six weeks off.

It cost a little more than \$1 million for the use of the massive Canadian Forces C-17

Globemaster transport, which logged 48.5 hours of airtime flying the two vehicles to India.

Following a full assessment, "the RCMP determined there were no appropriate vehicles available in India," the government said.

An Indian government official confirmed during Harper's visit that it had offered an armoured Mercedes Benz for his use.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird responded that India has lost two prime ministers to assassination in the last 25 years. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Landslide. Rescue halted for buried quarry workers

The search was suspended Tuesday night for two Quebec quarry workers who are missing after an apparent landslide swept several vehicles into a pit nearly 100 metres deep.

Two trucks and an excavator were trapped in huge mounds of loose gravel at the bottom of the snowy crater in L'Epiphanie, Que., just east of Montreal.

A third worker managed to climb out of the excavator after the vehicle tumbled down the steep embankment. He suffered from frostbite, shock and minor injuries and was

whisked to safety by helicopter, according to provincial police spokesman Benoit Richard.

Specialists working with rescue crews recommended suspending the search until Wednesday morning, Richard said. Search teams needed to be able to see how the gravel in the pit might shift while they work.

Repentigny police spokesman Bruno Marier says rescue workers planned to bring heavy search equipment down to the site in the morning.

Police could not explain the cause of the landslide.

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Hey! Where'd Beijing go?

A cyclist passes a flag-raising ceremony during severe pollution at Tiananmen Square on Tuesday in Beijing. Thick, off-the-scale smog shrouded eastern China for the second time in about two weeks, forcing airlines to cancel flights because of poor visibility and prompting Beijing to temporarily shut factories and curtail fleets of government cars. The U.S. embassy reported an hourly peak level of PM2.5 — tiny particulate matter that can penetrate deep into the lungs — at 526 micrograms per cubic metre, or "beyond index." Over a 24-hour period, readings were more than 20 times higher than World Health Organization safety levels. FENG LI/GETTY IMAGES

In New York, RIM set for big reveal

A BlackBerry is born. Wednesday's launch marks start of ad blitz to keep hype alive



A prototype of the new BlackBerry 10 operating system seen last fall. GETTY IMAGES FILE

After several technical blunders, two unexpected delays and one major shakeup in its leadership, BlackBerry maker Research In Motion is about to raise the curtain for its new smartphone devices in hopes that consumers share the excitement.

The unveiling of the phones and operating system on Wednesday marks the start of an advertising blitz that will stretch to social media, the Super Bowl and beyond as RIM tries to regain the cool factor that was once firmly in its grasp.

If all goes according to plan, the event will also mark the end of a troublesome 12 months that has seen RIM try to stay afloat while its future was constantly in question by outsiders, and its stock price tumbled to the lowest level in about a decade.

While the first hurdles to overcome on Wednesday are the opinions of tech analysts and investor reaction, the true measure of success — actual sales of the phones — is still weeks away.

As a crowd of thousands gathers Wednesday at Pier 36, a massive entertainment venue on the shores of Manhattan, chief executive Thorsten Heins will step onto the stage holding the BlackBerry that has been at once considered the company's last hope, but also its biggest hurdle.

Online

Visit metronews.ca for live coverage of the BB10 launch.



When Heins took the reins at RIM just over a year ago, the new devices had already been delayed from a launch in 2011. Then in June of last year, he was forced to further push the debut into 2013, missing crucial sales periods like the back-to-school and Christmas holiday shopping seasons.

While analysts hated the idea of another delay, it also bought the company some extra time to tweak the software to capitalize on the weaknesses of competitors' smartphones.

One of those features is the BlackBerry Balance technology, which allows one phone to operate as both a business and personal device entirely separate from each other. Another one lets users seamlessly shift between the phone's applications. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Oscars. Ontario firm is in charge of little gold men

Every year at the Academy Awards, the big question is: Who does the Oscar go to? This year, there's a new one: Where does the Oscar come from?

For the first time, Hollywood's most prestigious accolade is being made under the watch of a Canadian company.

St. Regis Crystal of Markham, Ont., purchased Oscar's Chicago-based manufacturer R.S. Owens last December and

with it, R.S. Owens' 30-year tradition of making the gold-plated statues.

Company decisions now come from southern Ontario, but the Oscars are still being made at the Chicago foundry, says St. Regis vice-president Jeff Firkser: "This particular award is a cast award and it's not going to change. It's going to always be done there."

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An Oscar statue handed out last year. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Consumer confidence. Canucks look on sunny side

Canadian and U.S. consumers appear to be heading in opposite directions in terms of their confidence in the economy going forward — it's up in Canada and down south of the border.

The Conference Board of Canada's survey on consumer confidence in January shows

the index rebounding strongly by 5.1 points to 83.1, the highest level since June 2011 and the first increase in four months. A similar survey by the Conference Board in the United States found confidence among consumers there plummeted this month to 58.6, the lowest

level since November 2011.

The results are baffling given that most economists believe the U.S. is on the verge of a relatively strong economic performance in 2013, while the expectations for Canada — while not negative — are more modest. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Roast renaming

Give that blonde a makeover

The days of ordering up a tall blonde at your local Starbucks may be drawing to an end. The company is looking for suggestions to rename its blonde roast, currently called Veranda Blend, through a Canada-wide online contest that runs until Feb. 10.

A few of the suggestions so far include

Smooth Silky Blonde, Temptress, Steamy and Morning Kiss. On the not-so-racy side of things, there's Yellow Mellow, Winter Flurry, Morning Light and Liquid Gold.

The winning moniker will go on Canadian menus and packaging. Judges will choose three finalists based on appropriateness, feasibility, and originality and creativity. Those entries will be posted online in late February for a public vote. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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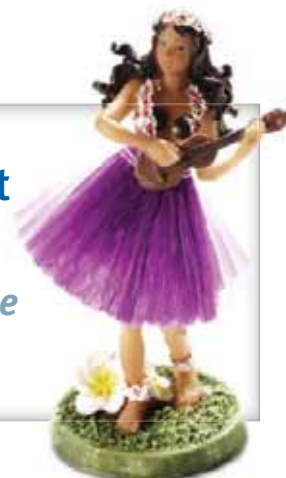


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GO LEGLESS AND GET AHEAD THIS YEAR



JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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Back in the bad old days when everyone in Canada was nearly Scottish, there was one New Year, Jan. 1, and that was it. Today's infinitely more diverse (and interesting) times mean you have multiple opportunities to slough off the old year — like the skin of a snake — and begin anew.

And wouldn't you know? Coming up, on Feb. 10, it's the Year of the Snake for followers of the lunar calendar.

The snake is the sixth sign in the Chinese zodiac, and snake years happen in intervals of 12. Last year was a dragon year, which you might argue is a more impressive member of the reptile family, but don't sell the snake short.

Never stab a snake in the back, because a snake never forgets and always gets the last word.

The snake (in short) is good at, and for, business. This year is specifically a year of the water snake, which means, according to various Chinese astrologers, those born under the sign are influential, insightful, intellectual, motivated and determined to succeed. Snakes keep to themselves, don't talk much and are smarter than you. When you're together in the boardroom, you really want to know what they're thinking but you haven't the faintest idea.

Snakes make great scientists and investigators. They're relentless.

Never stab a snake in the back, because a snake never forgets and always gets the last word.

What's sauce for the snake is swamp water for the tiger, e.g., yours truly. Tigers and snakes are on completely different paths. If you have a snake in the house, you will never go hungry. If you have a tiger curled up in front of the fireplace, you're safe. Just don't expect them to get along.

Knowing your snakes from your tigers can be useful for making bold predictions about the coming year. According to geomancer and philosopher Paul Ng of Richmond Hill, Ont., the Year of the Snake will be a good year for water-oriented businesses, such as fishing, but also a good year for metal and earth industries, such as real estate, except in Scarborough, Mississauga and Vancouver. It will be a bad year for communica-

tions and the Internet, so unload that Apple stock.

(This is a good time to issue the following disclaimer: do not, under any circumstances, make any decisions based on opinions expressed in this column, ever. Remember that it's written by a tiger, not a snake.)

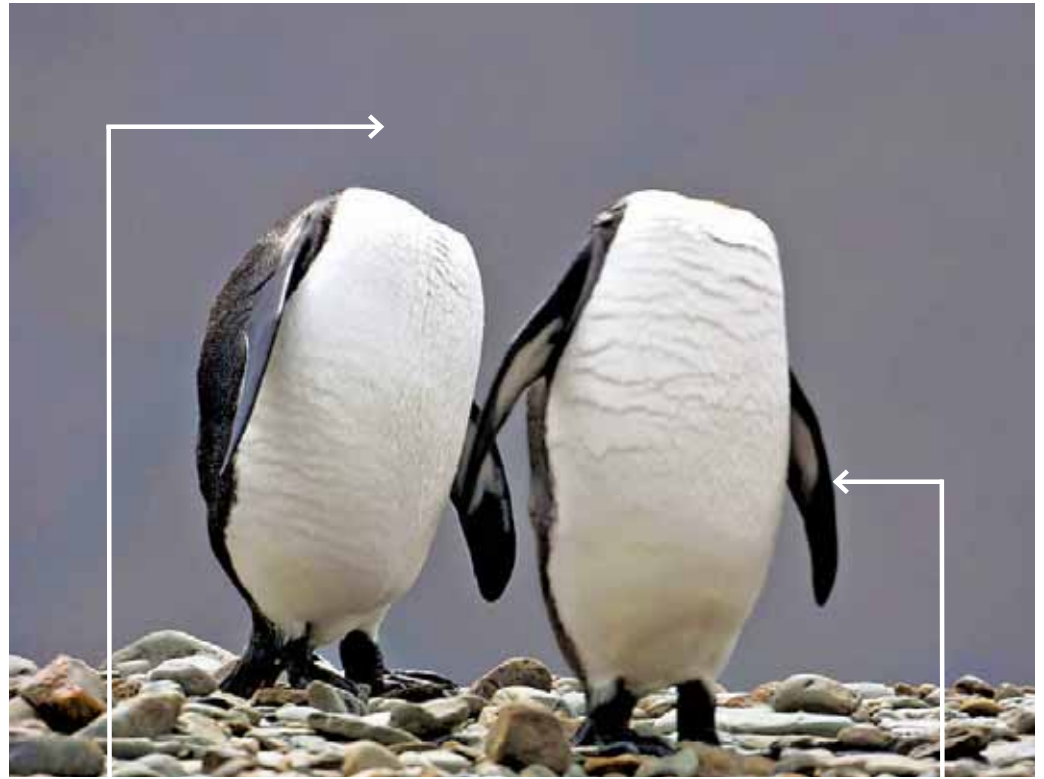
Look, if you're still not ready to make your New Year's resolutions, just give the snake a pass and go to the next new year on the horizon: Nowruz, or New Day, the ancient and durable Persian New Year, which is celebrated on the spring equinox, March 21. Ancient because it goes back to 550 BC and durable because it has survived even the Ayatollahs' attempts to suppress it.

And every year, in every land and for everyone, what's old is new again. Gung Hay Fat Choy, when it comes!

It takes a real snake to make a bold New Year's prediction.

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Heads off to you, Pingu



PAUL GOLDSTEIN/EXODUS/REX FEATURES

Wildlife photography

Not a good time to lose one's head

It appears that penguins can be camera-shy, too.

Wildlife photographer Paul Goldstein took this amusing image of two seemingly headless king penguins at St. Andrews Bay on the British territory of South Georgia. As it turned out, the flightless birds were using their double-jointed necks to bend their heads backward. **METRO**

Photographer's viewpoint



"Initially I was just glad to be able to isolate

a couple of these to photograph. It is so difficult normally as there are a quarter of a million others to clutter the background."

Paul Goldstein, photographer and tour guide for travel company Exodus

Never get a head

Keeping composure is tough to do

The London, England-based photographer recalls his encounter with the playful pair.

"One penguin had reverted to normal by the time I got the camera up but then it hid its head again, and its mate did it too," Goldstein said. "I just managed to keep the camera still enough as I was laughing so much — to them it is a perfectly normal manoeuvre, but to me — not so." **METRO**

South Georgia Island

- **Location.** Sits 1,390 kilometres to the east of the Falkland Islands.
- **Population.** Approximately 2.23 million pairs of king penguins, with numbers rising. No human population.
- **Life.** Cold, highly-oxygenated waters promote marine life. Krill, the shrimp-like crustaceans at the base of the food chain, thrive here.



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I just LOVE contests that you fill the WHOLE form out only to find out that your not qualified because of where you live!! #GrindsMyGears

@firecatkitty:

I want to run away and help Jimmy Carter build gnomes.

@MegBlumenthal:

My Jones cream soda told me that "good news is on the way" So it must be true.

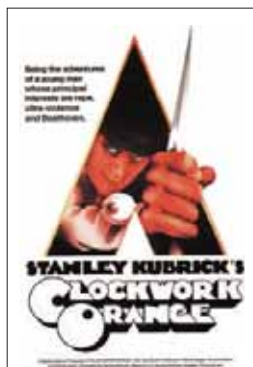
@MarkCoffin:

Sitting next guy in the Killam who is listening to a Walkman. Worried he might find out if I tweeted about it, then I remembered the Walkman.

Perfect time to rediscover those movie classics

Some films cited as classics can be enjoyed as historical artifacts, more appreciated for their aesthetics and less for their urgent, contemporary effect. But the spate of motion pictures selected here are rare in that they are indeed landmark movies and play as good today — if not better — than they did in their respective eras. Metro revisits five classics to enjoy, and to remember a simpler time.

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A Clockwork Orange (1971)

As disturbing and viscerally alive as ever, Kubrick's razor-sharp satire is a must see big-screen experience. Malcolm McDowell is ultraviolence personified, Wendy Carlos' music still chills and the director's trademark dissonance has never been more prominent.

Exclusively online

Cynthia Loyst, a host of InnerSPACE, breaks down genres you don't want to miss at metronews.ca.



Jaws (1975)

The film that sparked the template for the contemporary Hollywood blockbuster, Spielberg's iconic and terrifying chomp on Peter Benchley's killer shark book is a perfect film, from stem to stern (of the Orca, natch).

From the performances (Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw, Richard Dreyfuss) to John Williams' double bass note driven score, JAWS is an epic, genre defying gem.



An American Werewolf in London (1981)

"Stay clear of the moors." A wiser warning never spoken in cinema and it's a shame the heroes of John Landis' maverick comedic shocker don't heed it. Then again, if they did we wouldn't have this visionary blend of humour and horror: part tragedy, part love story and jolted by Rick Baker's Oscar winning prosthetic man-to-wolf transformation sequences that have never, ever been bettered.



Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981)

The first and best of the Indiana Jones films, this mega-hit is another rousing, vintage Spielberg adventure classic, one that demands to be seen on a gigantic screen.

Who needs 3D when that monstrous boulder comes crashing through the cave in the films' much copied opening sequence? This one is a generational right of passage. Introduce your kids to it.



Casino (1995)

The same creative team behind the much-lauded gangster drama Goodfellas (Scorsese and writer Nicholas Pileggi) re-teamed for this sprawling look at the dark side of mafia-ruled Las Vegas circa the '60s and '70s and though it's been called inferior to its predecessor, a second (or third or fourth) look might change some tunes. Robert DeNiro's best performance bumps up against Joe Pesci's mania, but the real treat is Sharon Stone as a playgirl who malfunctions with Shakespearean aplomb. Amazing pop music score too.

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Bradley Cooper. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Bradley Cooper back pedals on Armstrong movie

Despite telling BBC News earlier this month that he'd be up for starring in a J.J. Abrams-produced biopic on disgraced cyclist Lance Armstrong, Oscar-nominee Bradley Cooper insists he's not interested.

"Oh my God, that's so nuts," Cooper tells Access Hollywood, adding that he "had no idea what (the interviewer) was talking about" during the red carpet chat.

Dazed and confused

"(I) had no idea what (the interviewer) was talking about."

Bradley Cooper
Talking about being confused over a question on the Lance Armstrong movie

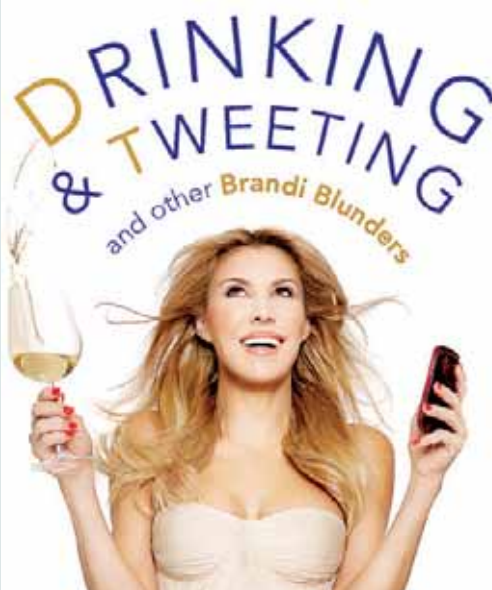
"I didn't even know that J.J. ... has the rights. I had no idea."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

BRANDI GLANVILLE
with Leslie Bruce



Stay classy Brandi Glanville



THE WORD
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Holy cats, you guys. Brandi Glanville is insane. How do we know this (besides reading every tabloid story ever)? Let me present to you some excerpts from the The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills star's new book, *Drinking & Tweeting and other Brandi Blunders*, which were obtained by Life & Style.

Her reaction after finding out about her then-husband, Edward Cibrán's, affair with LeAnn Rimes:

"I'm not entirely sure how I ended up on the floor of my closet sobbing ... a teary-eyed Eddie found me lying there minutes later, and without saying so much as a word, he started kissing me all over ... he pulled off my workout pants and we started having sex right there," she recalls. "He swore up and down my body that it wasn't true

Quoted

"I'm not entirely sure how I ended up on the floor of my closet sobbing."

Brandi Glanville

... that it was completely innocent. In that moment, it was easier to believe him, because I just couldn't stand the thought of being without him."

How she would go about her revenge:

"A brand-new vagina would be an Eddie-free vagina. ... I decided that since Eddie had ruined my vagina for me, he could pay for a new one. I gave (the doctor's office) Eddie's credit card number," she says about undergoing a vaginal rejuvenation for \$12,000.

But, really, no hard feelings:

"I would like to thank my ex-husband, Edward Cibrán, for giving me all the material I could ever need to write this book and for helping me discover the strong, independent woman inside of me," she writes, in *Drinking & Tweeting*, which will surely be a New York Times bestseller.



Channing Tatum

Tatum taking a glass-half-full approach to parenthood

Channing Tatum is terrified of his impending parenthood, but in a good way.

"I mean, I don't think there's one thing that doesn't terrify you, but in the most unbelievably beautiful way," the 32-year-old Magic Mike star tells E! News.

"Someone said it's really like watching your heart jump out of your body and run around, and I think that can possibly be the coolest thing that I've heard of."

As for how wife Jenna Dewan-Tatum is handling pregnancy?

"I mean, women just sort of turn into, like, animals in this sort of stage

Daddy-to-be

"I don't think there's one thing that doesn't terrify you, but in the most unbelievably beautiful way."

Channing Tatum
On the impending birth of his first child

that they're in," he says. "She's a complete animal right now. You can ask her, but in the most beautiful, like, humanistic animal way. You know, she works out all of the time, eats right, impeccably right. She's just a machine."

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@ActuallyNPH

Come on, Boy Scouts, do the right thing. Diversity should be honored and valued. There should be a merit badge for it.



@DitaVonTeese

"Sasquatch" is one of my favorite words, so the TV show "Finding Bigfoot"—big LOLs. Lines like "a squatchy area," "goin' squatchin'" ...!



@ElizabethHurley

Not easy house training a spaniel puppy.....



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I had a great birthday, and now the house is finally back in order. I just need to figure out how to get @Jimmy-Kimmel out of my bathtub.

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Victoria Beckham

Victoria Beckham admits to being a control freak

Victoria Beckham is enjoying success in the fashion world, but she still feels like she has to prove herself.

"I don't have to work, I need to work. All these (other fashion designers), they've not just been given anything. They've worked hard. And I've never been given anything either," she tells Elle U.K. "You've got to trust people. And because I am a control freak, sometimes that's difficult for me, because I want to micro-manage absolutely everything. I can't hand over."

It's expensive to be a tourist in a town that's hosting two of the biggest events of the new year — Mardi Gras and the NFL Super Bowl — but New Orleans has plenty of free things to do. The nearly 300-year-old French city has walkable neighbourhoods and scenic public parks dotted with centuries-old oak trees draped in Spanish moss, along with a free ferry and historic market.

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Mardi Gras and Bourbon Street

New Orleans is perhaps best-known for hosting one of the biggest free parties in the world: Mardi Gras. The Carnival season includes parades with costumed riders, marching bands and decorated floats, but it only lasts a few weeks. Visitors can get a taste of the madness and revelry of Carnival any time of year on Bourbon Street, the city's most famous thoroughfare, where scantily-clad women beckon patrons from strip club doorways and beads are flung from balconies to revellers down below year-round. It's also a hot spot for live music, which spills out onto the street from clubs with doors and windows flung open. And finally, Bourbon Street is the one place where a costume can be flaunted any time of year.

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Free things to do in New Orleans



Jackson Square

Artists painting on canvas, clowns making balloon animals, street performers and jazz musicians are among the free entertainment to be found in Jackson Square, a one-block section of the French Quarter anchored by a lush green space with benches set amid gardens and grand oak trees. The square is bordered by pedestrian-only walkways with restaurants, storefronts and upper-level balconies boasting decorative ironwork. Benches allow visitors to take in the architecture of the square's historic buildings, including the Cabildo and Pontalba Apartments, believed to be among the oldest apartment buildings in the country. Visitors are also welcome at St. Louis Cathedral, a place of worship for Catholics since the 1720s. jackson-square.com



City Park

City Park is the largest green space in New Orleans, with more than 1,300 acres of gardens, lagoons and walking trails set amid centuries-old oak trees draped in Spanish moss and filled with birds. The New Orleans Museum of Art is located in the park, and while there's a fee to enter the museum, just beyond the museum are dozens of art objects you can see for free in the Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden. The sculptures, valued at more than \$25 million, can be viewed in a relaxing setting that includes meandering footpaths, pedestrian bridges and reflecting lagoons. Among the artists represented are Antoine Bourdelle, Gaston Lachaise, Henry Moore, Jacques Lipchitz, Barbara Hepworth and Seymour Chwast. neworleanscitypark.com



Mississippi River Ferry

A boat ride is one of the best ways to get a look at the New Orleans skyline and the Mississippi River's daily parade of river barges, steamships and cruise ships. The Algiers Point ferry, which has been in operation since the early 1800s, is free to pedestrians. It runs every 30 minutes between the landing at the foot of Canal Street near the Aquarium of the Americas and the historic Algiers Point neighbourhood directly across the river from the French Quarter. Algiers Point, established in 1719, boasts a trove of historic Victorian-style homes, magnolia tree-lined streets with several parks, cafés, historic churches and bars with live music. But perhaps its best feature is an unobstructed view of the city's skyline and river traffic.



French Market

The smell of sweet pralines and freshly-brewed coffee wafts through the air of the New Orleans French Market. The centuries-old commercial hub stretches for several city blocks along the banks of the Mississippi River in the French Quarter and includes Cafe du Monde, home of the deep-fried, sugar-coated beignet, a popular New Orleans pastry. The market is a mix of open-air retail spaces dotted with produce stands and enclosed stores carrying specialty clothing and jewelry. It's an ideal destination for window shopping and people watching. The French Market dates to 1791 and was originally the site of a Native American trading post. European immigrants traded there, as did African-Americans selling coffee, pralines and calas, a rice fritter popular in 19th century New Orleans.

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Mardi Gras brings baby dolls back

Century-old tradition.
Fat Tuesday's
garter-clad women
get their own exhibit

The "baby dolls," an on-again, off-again Mardi Gras tradition of New Orleans' African-American community, are on again.

The troupes of women strutting and prancing in bonnets, garters and skimpy or short, ruffled dresses on Fat Tuesday also are being spotlighted in a new book and museum exhibit that trace their history and modern rebirth.

When the predominantly African-American Zulu krewe hits the streets on Fat Tuesday — Feb. 12 — its marchers will include the Baby Doll Ladies, a troupe formed after hurricane Katrina. They play tambourines and cowbells to accompany their dance, a hip-hop style called bounce.

Though Mardi Gras celebrations date from the city's French founding in 1718, historians say the baby doll tradition started in 1912 when African American prostitutes who worked just outside the legal red-light district, called Storyville, dressed up on Mardi Gras to outdo their legal rivals.

Storyville was closed in 1917, but the baby doll costumes caught on and survived for decades in African-American neighbourhoods.

In the years of segregation, blacks celebrated Carnival in their neighbourhoods with informal parades of the brightly feathered and beaded Mardi Gras Indians, picnics and parties centred around the floats of the Zulu parade and costume traditions such as the baby dolls.

The end of segregation in the 1950s and '60s — and new economic opportunities — brought new avenues for African-Americans to participate in Mardi Gras. Debutante presentations at gala

balls and more traditional float parades sprung up. And the revival of Lundi Gras celebrations the day before Mardi Gras brought together the monarch of the predominantly white Rex krewe to meet with the king of Zulu to toast the coming festival.

As times changed, the baby doll tradition faded.

But not everyone forgot the dolls, or what they meant to Carnival in New Orleans.

One new group — the 504 Eloquent Baby Dolls of New Orleans, named in part for a telephone area code — will march with a tribe of Mardi Gras Indians and the Skull and Bones club, maskers clad as skeletons in another revived black tradition.

"I've got a wonderful group of women who want to educate our youth, who want to bring our culture back to the streets of New Orleans," said Denise Trepagnier, a heavy crane operator and part-time seamstress who organized the group.

Around New Orleans



The baby doll tradition began in 1912 when African American, illegal prostitutes would dress up to outdo their legal rivals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

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504 Eloquent Baby Dolls organizer Denise Trepagnier



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Travel tips

Don't fail your fitness routine



ON THE MOVE
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If you are a road warrior anxious to keep the pounds off and the heart rate up, here are some tips to help you stay fit on your next trip.

Don't under estimate the effect jetlag can have on energy and motivation levels. Avoid it by drinking lots of water and staying away from alcohol and caffeine before, during and just after a flight. Adjust eating and sleeping schedules to your local destination time immediately.

Check in to a hotel with a proper fitness facility. The fully out-fitted health club you imagine, with dozens of treadmills, pilates classes and a gorgeous personal trainer could turn out to be a solitary rowing machine tucked into an old photocopy room. Nothing is more un-motivating than a lack of good equipment. When making your room reservation, ask the agent to describe exactly what



Stay near a natural running route that makes it easy to get out and play. iStock

the gym has to offer.

Go a step further and choose a hotel that promotes fitness. The Westin hotel chain has a running concierge program where one of the staff will take you on an early morning jog in the local area. They will even lend you New Balance running and work out gear if yours was forgotten at home. Sign up when you check-in. A written commitment will make it harder for you to hit the snooze button.

Hit a local gym. If you just can't find accommodation that suits both your business and health needs, then look outside the hotel. Just ask your concierge for a recommendation for a nearby gym or club that offers a day pass.

Stay near a park, along a river or next to a lake. These

natural running routes are a great way to combine fitness with a little sightseeing. On business trips to London, I always stay at the Park Lane Hotel. Situated next to Hyde Park, it allows me to squeeze in a half-hour run and catch a glimpse of some of London's most famous landmarks at the same time.

Bring your favourite workout DVD with you. Even if the hotel doesn't offer DVD players in the guest rooms, just pop it into your laptop. Or upload your favourite workout program onto a PDA before you leave home. A road warrior friend of mine is fanatical about yoga and swears by the programs offered at www.yogalifeetc.com.

Bottom line, do not use being on the road as an excuse to stay on the couch.

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Dried Apricot and Cherry Salsa makes perfect sidekick for turkey



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Most supermarkets now sell boneless turkey breast, which is leaner than chicken. A 3 1/2-ounce serving of chicken

Ingredients

- 4 turkey scaloppini
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- Salsa**
- 1/4 cup chopped dried apricots
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/3 cup diced green onions, white part only
- 1 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 3 tbsp apricot jam
- 1 tbsp pure maple syrup
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tsp apple cider vinegar or freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Garnish**
- 3 tbsp chopped cilantro or parsley

has about 140 calories and 3 grams of fat, while the same amount of turkey breast has 120 calories and 1 gram of fat!

If you can't find these cutlets, ask your grocer to slice boneless breast into scaloppini. Dusting it with flour keeps the turkey moist and dried fruit salsa is an ideal accompaniment.

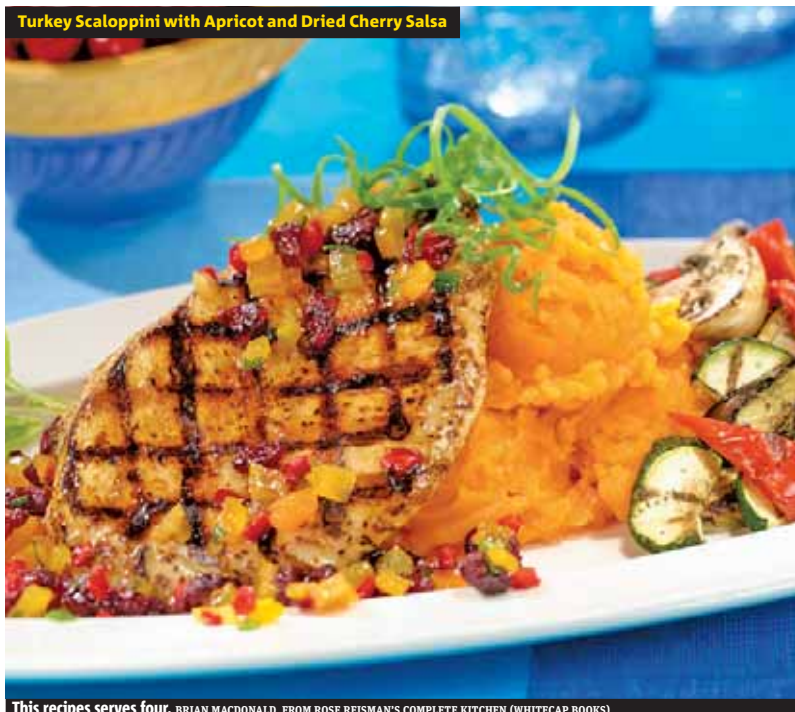
Serve the scaloppini over Sweet Potato Mash, with grilled vegetables alongside.

1. Dust the turkey with flour. Spray a non-stick grill pan or skillet with cooking oil, add the vegetable oil and heat to medium. Sauté the turkey just until browned on both sides and no longer pink, about 8 minutes in total. Remove from the heat and keep covered.

2. To make the salsa, combine the apricots, cranberries, bell pepper, green onion, garlic, cilantro, jam, maple syrup, mustard and lemon juice.

3. Spoon the salsa over the turkey and garnish with cilantro or parsley. **ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

Turkey Scaloppini with Apricot and Dried Cherry Salsa



This recipe serves four. BRIAN MACDONALD, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Drink of the Week

Frostbite

A mix of tequila, crème de cacao and blue curacao shaken with milk and garnished with maraschino cherries, this is the type of frostbite you'll want to get.

- 1 oz Jose Cuervo Silver Tequila
- .5 oz White Crème de Cacao
- .5 oz Blue Curacao
- 1 oz milk
- Garnish with cherries

Shake all ingredients with ice in shaker. Strain contents over fresh ice. Garnish with 2 cherries on a sword. Add a cocktail straw and serve.

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Once you get a handle on your primary function, Pollard recommends that you become familiar with other aspects of the mining business.

"Look for opportunities beyond your job title in investor relations or as a company spokesperson at conferences and tradeshow," he says.

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MLB

A-Rod says latest PED accusations 'not true'

Alex Rodriguez denied a newspaper report that accused him of buying human growth hormone and other performance-enhancing substances from a Miami-area clinic.

The Miami New Times, an alternative weekly, reported Tuesday it had obtained records detailing purchases by Rodriguez and Toronto outfielder Melky Cabrera, among other baseball players, from a clinic run by Anthony Bosch.

Rodriguez admitted four years ago that he used PEDs from 2001 to 2003.

"The news report about a purported relationship between Alex Rodriguez and Anthony Bosch are not true," Rodriguez said in a statement issued by a publicist. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

X-Games

Family doubtful of snowmobiler's survival after crash

Snowmobiler Caleb Moore was in critical condition on Tuesday in a Colorado hospital after a dramatic crash at the X Games.

Moore was performing a flip on Thursday when he clipped the top of a jump and went over the handlebars and landed face first into the snow. The snowmobile rolled over him, but he walked off with help and went to a hospital with a concussion. Moore later developed bleeding around his heart.

"Caleb is not doing good at all," Caleb's grandfather Charles Moore told The Denver Post. "The prognosis is not good at all. It's almost certain he's not going to make it."

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Leafs forward Matt Frattin scores the overtime winner on Sabres goalie Ryan Miller under pressure from defenceman Jordan Leopold on Tuesday in Buffalo.

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Leafs buck losing trend in Buffalo

NHL. Frattin provides offense, Reimer outduels Miller as Toronto gets rare win at First Niagara Center

This was where Maple Leaf teams have come to die over the past several years.

Toronto entered their tilt with the hometown Sabres at the First Niagara Center on Tuesday night fighting three years of negative history.

A record of 11 losses in the club's past 12 visits to their rivals on the other side of the Peace Bridge brought up memories of great goaltending from Ryan Miller and many games in which the Sabres were the superior club.

Prior to Tuesday night's game, Toronto players vowed to stop that.

On Tuesday

4

Leafs

3

Sabres

So, in one of the best games the Leafs have played in Buffalo's rink recently, Toronto found a decent physical game in Miller's crease and parlayed that and some good netminding of their own from James Reimer to a 4-3 overtime win.

Matt Frattin, with his second goal of the game, won it for the Leafs late in the overtime period.

Of utmost importance was the Leafs finally establishing themselves in front of Miller to create some chaos and opportunity for some rebound goals.

Two of the Leafs' four goals

Quoted

"There are times when you (come out farther in the crease) and there are times when you play deep. We're trying to get them going on a consistent basis now."

Leafs goalie James Reimer on the differences between playing under new goaltending coach Rick St. Croix and former coach Francois Allaire

came off rebounds. Overall, every Leaf tally was the product of either good forechecking or good effort to give Miller something he hasn't dealt with too often when facing the Leafs—a big body blocking his view.

Mikhail Grigorenko scored his first NHL goal to tie the game at 3-3 midway through the third period. It was a backhand that squeaked under Reimer's pads, the one blemish on an otherwise outstanding evening.

Besides Frattin, Jay McClement, with his first as a Leaf, and Cody Franson scored for To-

ronto. Frattin, like Reimer, had his best game of the season.

McClement, on the wing on the second line with Clarke MacArthur injured, also had a strong game. Franson and James van Riemsdyk were also at their best for the Leafs.

Marcus Foligno and Andrej Sekera, on a wonderful backhand set up from Drew Stafford, had the Buffalo goals.

Reimer, making his third start of the season, gave firm indication that his game is rounding nicely into form, making 29 saves on 32 Sabres shots. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Subban deal gets chilly response from Habs

It wasn't exactly smiles and high fives in the Montreal Canadiens dressing room on Tuesday with the news that P.K. Subban's contract dispute had finally ended.

In fact, the mood was surprisingly chilly from a team that started the shortened NHL season 3-1-0 without their top defenceman from last season.

Subban signed a two-year \$5.75 million US contract Monday night and will rejoin the club on Wednesday in Ottawa.

Veteran rearguard Andrei Markov refused to talk about it, saying, "He's not in the room yet, so let's talk about it when he's going to be in the room."

Quoted

"I've never had to deal with a holdout situation, a guy coming in late, so we'll take it in stride."

Habs defenceman Josh Gorges on P.K. Subban

And Josh Gorges, Subban's regular defence partner, steered around questions.

"To be honest, I'm glad that we don't have to talk about it any more," he said. "It's a non-issue now and we can focus on getting ready to play the games without anything else to think about."

Asked if he was glad to have Subban back, Gorges said: "It's good that it's over and done with and it's settled. We don't have to have these talks in the morning of what-if-this and what-if-that."

Often, when a player signs a contract, there are a flood of congratulatory tweets, but this time there were only a couple from players who were not on the Canadiens last season.

After inking his deal, the 23-year-old Subban said he couldn't wait to "reintegrate" with the team.

But it appears he has some work to do with his teammates.

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P.K. Subban takes a breather during a skate at the Mastercard Centre for Hockey Excellence in Toronto on Jan. 9. **STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

4 SPORTS

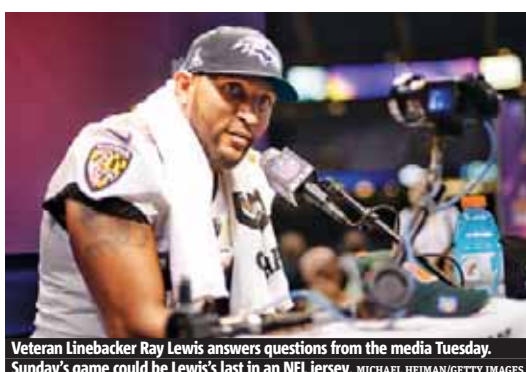
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San Francisco 49ers defensive tackle Will Tukuafu flexes his muscles with reporter Karim Mendiburu during media day for Super Bowl XLVII Tuesday in New Orleans. The San Francisco 49ers will take on the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. DAVID J. PHILLIP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A shot of 49ers QB Colin Kaepernick's tattoos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Veteran Linebacker Ray Lewis answers questions from the media Tuesday. Sunday's game could be Lewis's last in an NFL jersey. MICHAEL HEIMAN/GETTY IMAGES

Veteran receivers will have second shot at title ring

Super Bowl media day. Niners' Moss and Ravens' Boldin both trying to put tough championship losses behind them

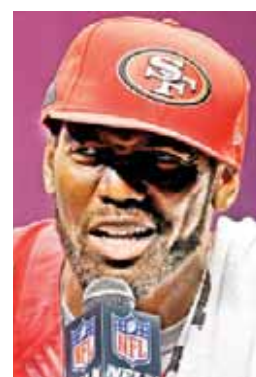
While Moss says he "doesn't understand" being a blocker and a decoy, he's willing to accept his new status if that's what it takes to win his first Super Bowl.

On the other side of the field will be Anquan Boldin, who wants to be known as more than simply a tough receiver.

The 32-year-old, a key player in Baltimore's charge to the Super Bowl, isn't afraid to cut across the field. He can shrug off a hard hit, and also is an aggressive downfield blocker.

Asked Tuesday if he appreciates his reputation as one of the toughest receivers in the league, Boldin replied, "I look at it as, I'm a football player. Not so much a receiver."

Oh, but the man can catch the ball. He's scored three touchdowns in three playoff games, and now he's hoping for a Super Bowl ring after coming up short in 2008 with Arizona.



Randy Moss told media on Tuesday that he is the "greatest receiver ever" to play in the NFL. DAVID J. PHILLIP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Moss also came up short just a year earlier after the 2007 season, when the New England Patriots lost to the New York Giants after an undefeated season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Curling. Alberta's Nedohin enters Scotties with bulls-eye on her back

There will be rising stars, familiar faces and veteran curlers in the field at next month's Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

Several top rinks recently qualified for the 12-team competition at Kingston's K-Rock Centre. Alberta's Heather Nedohin is back to defend her title and she'll be challenged by Manitoba's Jennifer Jones, B.C.'s Kelly Scott, Mary-Anne Arsenault of Nova Scotia and Suzanne Birt of Prince Edward Island.

Ontario's Rachel Homan

has enjoyed a successful season and will get a boost from the home crowd at the Feb. 16-24 event. The Ottawa skip, who won the national junior title in 2010, will be making her second Scotties appearance.

The Northwest Territories/Yukon entry will be led by Kerry Galusha, who will be



Heather Nedohin THE CANADIAN PRESS

competing in her 11th Canadian championship. Kristie Moore will skip the Alberta rink and Allison Ross will guide the Quebec side.

Saskatchewan's Jill Shumay and Newfoundland and Labrador's Stacie Devereaux are also in the field. New Brunswick's entry will be confirmed Sunday.

Shumay is making her tournament debut while Ross and Moore are skipping at the Scotties for the first time.

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ATLANTIC DIVISION

GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt	
New Jersey	5	3	0	2	12	9	8
NY Islanders	6	3	2	1	22	19	7
NY Rangers	6	3	3	0	16	17	6
Pittsburgh	6	3	3	0	16	18	6
Philadelphia	7	2	5	0	14	20	4

NORTHEAST DIVISION

GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt	
Boston	6	5	0	1	19	12	11
Ottawa	6	4	1	1	19	12	9
Montreal	5	4	1	0	17	10	8
Toronto	6	3	3	0	18	20	6
Buffalo	6	2	3	1	16	19	5

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt	
Tampa Bay	6	5	1	0	29	15	10
Winnipeg	6	3	2	1	18	18	7
Carolina	5	2	3	0	14	18	4
Washington	6	1	4	1	13	22	3
Florida	6	1	5	0	10	24	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt	
Chicago	6	6	0	0	22	13	12
St. Louis	6	5	1	0	24	13	10
Detroit	6	3	2	1	15	17	7
Nashville	6	1	2	3	10	18	5
Columbus	7	2	4	1	13	22	5

NORTHWEST DIVISION

GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt	
Minnesota	6	3	2	1	16	17	7
Edmonton	5	3	2	0	15	14	6
Vancouver	6	2	2	2	16	19	6
Colorado	5	2	3	0	10	13	4
Calgary	4	1	2	1	11	15	3

PACIFIC DIVISION

GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt	
San Jose	5	5	0	0	23	8	10
Anaheim	4	3	1	0	15	14	6
Los Angeles	5	2	2	1	11	14	5
Dallas	7	2	4	1	13	18	5
Phoenix	6	2	4	0	21	20	4

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Tuesday's results

Boston 2 New Jersey 1 (SO)
NY Rangers 2 Philadelphia 1
Toronto 4 Buffalo 3 (OT)
Montreal 4 Winnipeg 3
Ottawa 3 Washington 2
Detroit 4 Dallas 1
NY Islanders 4 Pittsburgh 1
Tampa Bay 5 Florida 2
Minnesota 3 Columbus 2
Anaheim at San Jose

Monday's results

Boston 5 Carolina 3
Columbus 2 Dallas 1
Phoenix 4 Nashville 0
Edmonton 4 Colorado 1
Los Angeles 3 Vancouver 2 (SO)
Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Thursday's games

Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Boston, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Edmonton at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

NHL SCORING LEADERS

G	A	Pt	
Marleau, SJ	9	4	13
Thornton, SJ	9	3	10
St. Louis, TBL	8	3	11
Stamkos, TBL	3	7	10
Pavelski, SJ	2	8	10
Parise, Min	5	4	9
Vanecek, Buf	3	6	9
Kane, Chi	2	7	9
Gaborik, NYR	5	3	8
Hossa, Chi	5	3	8
Tarasenko, STL	4	4	8
Pominville, Buf	3	5	8
Couture, SJ	3	5	8
Shattenkirk, STL	0	8	8
Conacher, TBL	2	5	7
Hall, Edm	1	6	7
Purcell, TBL	1	6	7
Tavares, NYI	1	6	7
Pietrangolo, STL	1	6	7
Winnik, Ana	5	1	6
Heatley, Min	4	2	6
Staal, Car	4	2	6
Kane, Win	3	3	6
Toews, Chi	3	3	6
Byfuglien, Win	3	3	6

Not including last night's games

NFL

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Sunday, Feb. 3 At New Orleans, La.
Baltimore vs. San Francisco, 6 p.m.

NBA

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Sacramento

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New Orleans

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Phoenix

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Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

Tuesday's results

Golden State 108 Cleveland 95
Milwaukee 117 Detroit 90
Dallas at Portland
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers

Monday's results

Memphis 103 Philadelphia 100
Golden State 114 Toronto 102
Sacramento 96 Washington 94
Brooklyn 97 Orlando 77
Chicago 93 Charlotte 85
Denver 102 Indiana 101
Houston 125 Utah 80

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern

Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
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2013 Buick Verano Turbo



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Fuel economy

Fuel economy with the manual gearbox is 10.2 l/100 km in the city and 6.3 on the highway (10.1/6.6 for the automatic), numbers that differ only slightly from the base Verano's 9.9/6.2 rating. To handle the power, the Turbo receives a unique steering calibration and a suspension that's 20 per cent firmer.



The engine is a two litre with 250 hp.

2013 Buick Verano Turbo

- **Type.** Four-door entry-luxury compact sedan
- **Engine (hp).** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (250)
- **Transmission.** Six-speed automatic; six-speed manual
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$32,400

Engine

Enter the Verano Turbo that puts out 250 horsepower from its 2.0-litre four-cylinder. More importantly, the engine makes 260 pound-feet of torque, with 90 per cent of it available from between 1,750 and 5,500 revs per minute. That's only 20 horses and 10 pound-feet shy of the larger (and heavier) Buick Regal GS.

Power

Buick claims the Turbo will accelerate to 60 m.p.h. (96 km/h) from rest in slightly more than six seconds, which is right in line with comparable premium brands from Audi and BMW that Buick holds up as performance benchmarks. It's also half a second quicker than the 270-horsepower Regal GS.

Review. Dressed for the ball but wearing sneakers ... fast sneakers

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Buick's grand plan is in full swing and it appears to be actually working.

Just what is the plan, you ask? Well, it involves downsizing the line and injecting it with more style and less mass. And baptizing all models in a fountain of youth.

They also run on smaller, fuel-frugal power plants that offer as much as or greater performance than previous models. The plan includes enhancing the luxury-car experience to match or exceed the premium import brands.

The Lacrosse and Regal already fall into this strategy, as does the Verano, which was new for 2012. However for the 2013 model year the smallest Buick sedan is literally stepping up the pace with an optional —

and significantly more powerful — turbo-charged model.

The sense here is that Buick needed to add some premium power for the Verano to be considered in the same sport-sedan league as BMW, Audi and Mercedes-Benz, and not be viewed as an afterthought brand. With its more mature customer base shrinking over the years, reinvention and rejuvenation has become a matter of survival. Outwardly, the Turbo varies only slightly from the regular-strength Verano with dual exhaust outlets, subtle rear spoiler and trunk lid badge. Elegant is better here, for sure.

The fact that the only significant Turbo options are a navigation system and a power sunroof underscores how well the car lines up with other luxury-leaning compacts vying for your dollars.

The overall attractiveness of the Verano, coupled with the rapid-fire authority of its high-output turbo, makes it worthy of its Euro-based peers and for less money in most cases.

You have to love it when a plan comes together.



The interior is futuristic yet elegant.



Here's where you'll feel that extra power.

By comparison



1 Audi A4
Base price: \$39,700



2 Hyundai Sonata Turbo
Base price: \$33,400



3 Volvo S60
Base price: \$39,150

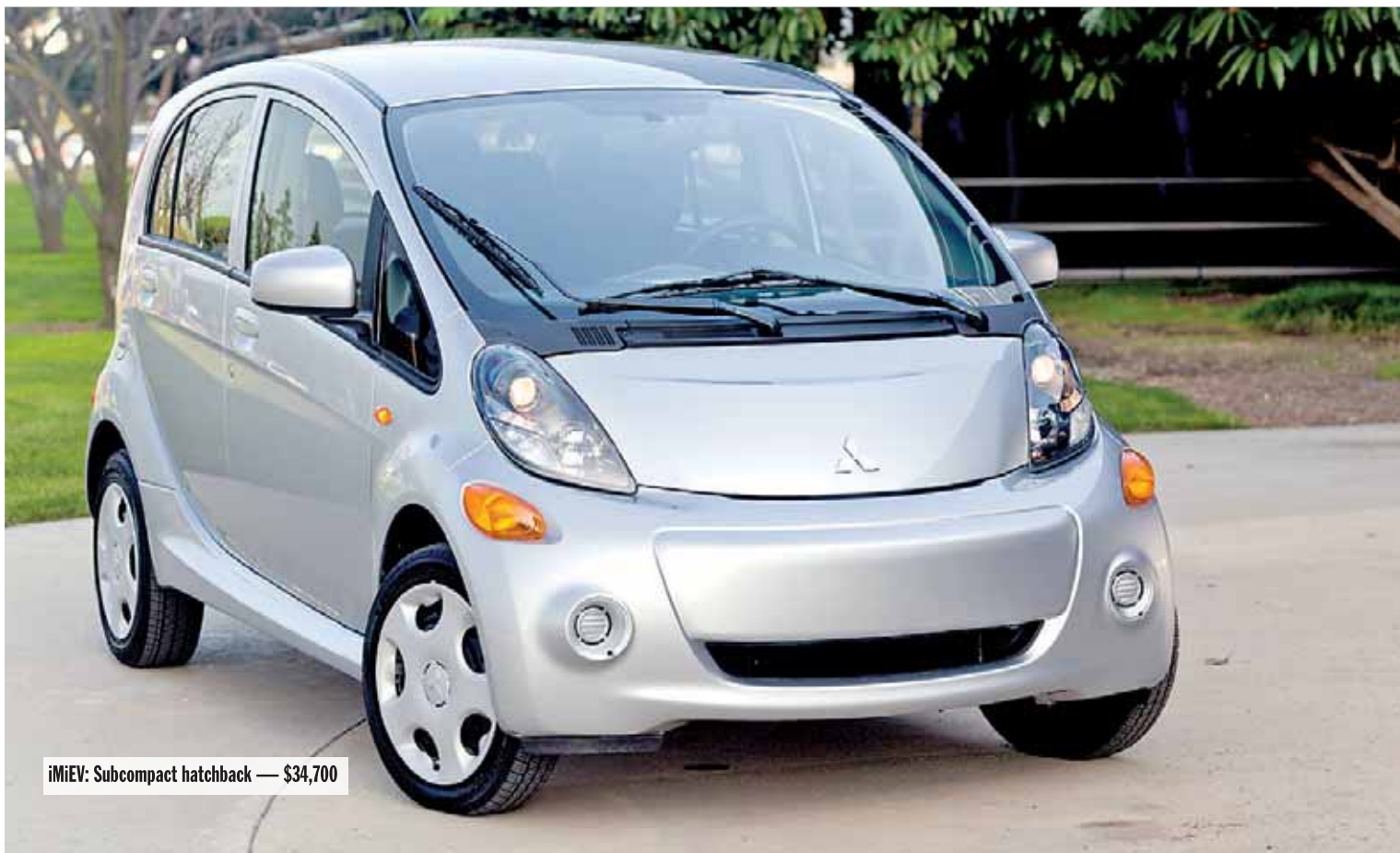
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iMiEV: Subcompact hatchback — \$34,700

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Mitsubishi has picked the cars it wants to keep in the lineup and it's not good news for the Galant and the Eclipse. But it can only mean that new product is in the works, and we can only hope that whatever is in the pipeline is as off the wall as Mitsubishi's electric small car called the iMiEV.

The hatchback joined the all-electric Nissan Leaf plus the gasoline-supported Chevrolet Volt as pioneers in the clean-energy movement. However, the "i" is one of the smallest electrical offerings to be mass produced for general consumption.

As a short-haul urban commuter pod, it easily accommodates four adults as long as they are packing light. But with only the front seats in use, cargo capacity with the 50:50 rear seat folded flat matches the space available in the larger Nissan Leaf.

The iMiEV's top speed is 130 km/h, but driving at that velocity will quickly sap its 330-volt lithium-ion battery pack positioned beneath the passenger floor. The system flows power to the 80-kilo-watt (107-horsepower) electric motor. The range, at about 135 kilometres per charge, is less than the 160 kilometres claimed by the Nissan Leaf.



Lancer: Compact sedan — \$17,600



Lancer: \$35,500 (Evolution)



Outlander Sport: Compact SUV — \$20,000



RVR: Wagon — Price N/A

Piloting the iMiEV involves shifting the single-speed controller to one of three operating modes: "D" for optimum performance; "Eco" for maximum battery life; or "B" to maximize the amount of regenerative braking that replenishes the batteries more quickly and stretches the i's effective range.

A 240-volt home charging system requires about six hours to top up the i, or 22.5 hours if you tap into a 120-volt outlet found in virtually every home. Do the

math and that leaves a driving window of just 1.5 hours per day.

The \$33,000 (plus destination charges) base model includes air conditioning, power windows, locks and mirrors, heated driver's seat, four-speaker 100-watt audio system and all the requisite safety content. At \$36,000, the Premium Package iMiEV bumps up the content with fancier alloy wheels, an eight-speaker 360-watt sound system, a navigation system leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob.

BASE PRICES INCLUDING DESTINATION

iMiEV: SUBCOMPACT HATCHBACK — \$34,700
LANCER: COMPACT SEDAN — \$17,600;
\$21,600 (SPORT); \$35,500 (EVOLUTION)
OUTLANDER SPORT: COMPACT SUV — \$20,000
OUTLANDER: MIDSIZE SUV — \$23,500

Although the market for electrics is a little thin, to say least, the RVR small-tall wagon has been selling very well. It's a cut-down version of the Outlander that's fitted with four-cylinder power. Minor changes for 2013 include a reworked nose and rear bumper, the use of "greener" seat fabrics and materials, and added sound insulation.

Easily the most appreciated change to the RVR is a reduction in numbness for the electric power steering.

Hopefully, this mitigates the car's tendency to wander about at highway speeds without constant wheel correction.

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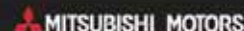
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BREAKING WITH TRADITION

SUBARU TAKING THE BRAND NEW WHERE IT HASN'T BEEN

As a maker of affordable all-wheel-drive cars, Subaru might be without equal, but the 2013 model year seems to be all about breaking with tradition and taking the brand where it has never been. And seemingly in two opposite directions.

Just when you think the Japan-based automaker has settled down to become a conservative member of the community, it ratchets up the funkiness and creates this bold and brash off-roader-style Impreza wagon.

In reality, the Crosstrek's maximum tasks include rough road and weather conditions and some limited off-trail adventuring. Anyone familiar with Volvo's XC70 wagon will think of this Subie as a scaled-down and less expensive copycat, as well as sharing kinship with the current Subaru Outback wagon.

Subaru has provided the Crosstrek with its own distinctive nosepiece, bumpers, roof rails, side cladding and rear spoiler. The meaner, macho look is completed with darker window tinting and a set of 17-inch all-season tires mounted to custom-look wheels. The slightly bigger front brake rotors add stopping power and a hiked-up suspension provides 22 centimetres of ground clearance, which is 7.5 more than the Impreza. That should be plenty for straddling rock-strewn terrain and fording shallow streams.

The Crosstrek is fired up with a 148-horsepower, 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine that comes straight out of the Impreza. Also Impreza-based is a five-speed manual transmission that has Incline Start Assist to prevent the Crosstrek from rolling backward when moving your right foot from the brake to the gas pedal while



Crosstrek: Compact tall wagon — \$26,200



BRZ: Two-door compact coupe — \$29,000

BASE PRICES (INCLUDING DESTINATION)

BRZ: TWO-DOOR COMPACT COUPE — \$29,000
 CROSSTREK: COMPACT TALL WAGON — \$26,200
 FORESTER: MID-SIZE SUV — \$27,700
 IMPREZA: COMPACT SEDAN/WAGON — \$21,700

LEGACY: MID-SIZED SEDAN — \$25,200
 OUTBACK: MID-SIZED WAGON — \$30,200
 TRIBECA: MID-SIZE SUV — \$40,700
 WRX: COMPACT SEDAN/WAGON — \$34,200
 WRX STI: COMPACT SEDAN/WAGON — \$40,800

stopped on a hill. Optional is a continuously variable unit with paddle-shifters that operate six pre-set ratios.

The standard all-wheel-drive systems are, not surprisingly, Impreza-based. Manual-gearbox models split the torque 50:50 in normal driving situations, but will apportion up to 80 per cent to either front or rear wheels when slippage is detected. With automatics, the Active Torque Split system maintains a 60:40

division, but automatically directs up to 100 per cent of the torque to either set of wheels when necessary.

And that makes the perfect introduction for something completely different — a two-door, rear-wheel-drive Subaru. Loyal Subie shoppers will be shocked to discover the new BRZ sports car's driveshaft transmits power only to the opposite end of the vehicle. And one more surprise: Subaru has teamed up

with Toyota, which owns a small stake in the company, to create the BRZ and the Scion FR-S. Toyota is experienced at making sporty coupes but hasn't headed down that road for years. In Subaru's case, its last effort was the 1990s-era premium-priced SVX.

One of the BRZ's primary advantages is weight, or rather a lack of it. At just 1,250 kilograms, the Subaru weighs about 270 kilograms less than the Genesis Coupe and anywhere from 300 to 450 kilograms less than any V6-equipped North American example. Although the extra-stiff platform is completely new, much of the suspension pieces originate with the Impreza and its performance-focused WRX STI variant.

To aid turning and cornering capabilities, the engine has been positioned closer to the centre of the vehicle. Also helping out is a 200-horsepower, 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine that sits lower to the ground than similar powerplants due to its horizontally opposed design (two cylinders fire at a 180-degree angle to the other two), thus lowering the car's centre of gravity.

A six-speed manual transmission is standard for the BRZ, while a six-speed automatic is available. The latter features manual paddle shifters, rev-matching downshifts plus a "sport" mode that, by activating a switch on the floor console, delivers quicker shifts.

Overall, the Subaru BRZ promises to shake up the sport coupe world and give both Subaru and Scion a serious sporty coupe to brag about. — *Wheelbase Media*



Legacy: Mid-sized sedan — \$25,200



WRX STI: Compact sedan/wagon — \$40,800



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Volkswagen has aspirations of big sales gains in North America and to do that means more product, better product and product that's perceived as good value. With the help of the new-for-2012 Passat, the tide seems to be shifting in Volkswagen's favour despite not a lot going on, and no new models for the 2013 model year.

The focus appears to be on the 2014 model year where a new, larger Golf is set to hit the streets. Will it have the same value quotient as the Passat, a car that grew in size and, conversely, slashed the base price by thousands of dollars?

The 2013 Passat starts at less than \$25,400 — nearly \$10,000 less than the previous version that bowed out in 2011 — while a growth spurt added the kind of room expected in this category. The Passat is nearly 10 centimetres longer overall and the distance between the front and rear wheels has been stretched by about the same amount. The size is in line with models belonging to the rest of the mid-size segment.

The Passat's interior styling, inspired by Volkswagen's new-look Touareg sport ute, is clean, uncluttered and devoid of the trendy dashboard swoops and swirls. To help cut the price, Passat dropped the previously standard 200-horsepower, 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbocharged powerplant for a less-expensive non-turbo 170-horsepower, 2.5-litre five-cylinder. A 280-horsepower, 3.6-litre V6 is optional, as is Volkswagen's hybrid-challenging 140-horsepower, 2.0-litre turbo-diesel that gives the Passat a rating of 4.4 l/100 km on the highway (6.8 in the city), along with a range approaching 1,300 kilometres.

Of course, VW is known for efficient



Passat: Mid-sized sedan — \$25,400



CC: Mid-sized sedan — \$36,500



Eos: Compact convertible — \$41,300



Beetle: Compact hatchback — \$23,600

diesels, but it's about to be known for hybrid power, too, as the Jetta adds just such a model to its lineup. Two years ago, pundits got all up in Volkswagen's grille about the perceived "dumbing down" of the sixth-generation Jetta. Those prognosticators are now dining on heaping helpings of crow, as the Jetta has become Vee-Dubs hot seller.

Dropping the price to make it competitive with other compact sedans helped, but a spacious interior and great handling was and still is a strong selling point.

The price-leader Jetta functions with a 115-horsepower, 2.0-litre four-cylinder

engine that gets reasonable fuel economy. The 170-horsepower, 2.5-litre five-cylinder gas engine also returns as an option, but for serious fuel thriftiness opt for the 140-horsepower, 2.0-litre turbo-diesel (called the TDI) rated at 4.6 l/100 km on the highway. The performance-minded Jetta GLI returns with its 200-horsepower turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder and track-tuned suspension, big wheels and sticky tires. The gasoline engines are mated to five-speed manual transmissions, or optional six-speed automatics, while the turbo-diesel offers a six-speed manual or optional six-speed automated manual DSG (short

for Direct Shift Gearbox) transmission that eliminates the pesky torque converter, which means improved fuel economy and much quicker shifts that aid acceleration.

The new Jetta Hybrid uses a turbo-charged 150-horsepower, 1.4-litre four-cylinder gas engine in combination with a 27-horsepower electric motor for 170 net horsepower. The Hybrid's torque flows through a seven-speed DSG and can run for up to two kilometres on electricity alone at speeds up to 70 km/h, reach 60 mph (96 km/h) from rest in less than nine seconds.

VW is on record as stating the company expects that hybrids will constitute three per cent of its total production by 2018, which means that the Passat, CC and upcoming 2014 Golf hatchback are likely candidates for this form of propulsion.

Meanwhile, the smaller Jetta Sport-Wagen that's based on the older Golf platform basically carries over for 2013. But if Jetta has both diesel and hybrid models, just how long will it take for the automaker to combine the two? Having awesome highway fuel efficiency (diesel) and an electric helper motor for city driving ... it seems like a logical path to take.

— Wheelbase Media



Jetta: Compact sedan/wagon — \$16,400 (sedan)

BASE PRICES (INCLUDING DESTINATION)

BEETLE: COMPACT HATCHBACK — \$23,600
CC: MID-SIZED SEDAN — \$36,500
EOS: COMPACT CONVERTIBLE — \$41,300
GOLF: COMPACT HATCHBACK — \$21,900;
\$30,800 (GTI)

JETTA: COMPACT SEDAN/WAGON — \$16,400 (SEDAN)
PASSAT: MID-SIZED SEDAN — \$25,400
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Angry teen drives his parents crazy



AUTO PILOT
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Not sure about you, but I'm conflicted about the actions of that 13-year-old driver from Italy.

A couple of weeks ago, after a dispute with his adopted parents about cellphone charges and the subsequent confiscation of his cellphone, he took off in his father's Mercedes-Benz, with the plan to visit his biological sister in Poland.

He took his passport and the equivalent of about \$260. He managed to get fuel, cross two borders, and cover about 600 kilometres before he was picked up by German police and returned to his parents.

One side of me says, way to go Bud, you just caused incredible grief to everyone who cares about you and endangered hundreds of motorists from Italy to Poland.

Another side of me says, that was awesome, Bud. Not only the driving, but also the



Teen on the run: Part of me wants to scold the kid for being so reckless, another part of me wants to congratulate him. ISTOCK

chutzpah. I can hardly cross back over the Buffalo border with a pair of undeclared Rockports on my feet.

Apparently he is a go-cart racer and actually looks like he's about 16. But still, Italy to Poland in your father's Mercedes when you're 13?

You did your teenage tribe and human race proud.

We obviously shouldn't be condoning this kind of behaviour, but it is consistent with how researchers say the teenage brain is wired — particularly with boys — and possibly how teenagers

“should” behave on occasion.

They have a need to take risks, and the gene pool benefits from people who learn from their risk taking when the stakes are lower.

Risk taking during adolescence is seen in all mam-

mals, so there must be some biological reason for it. Just saying.

According to a study, called Why Do Boys Engage in More Risk Taking Than Girls by Barbara A. Morrongiello and Heather Rennie at the University of Guelph,

boys have both nature and nurture-related reasons for their increased risk taking.

We encourage and/or tolerate more risk taking in our boys, and they generally are more optimistic about their chances.

And if it doesn't go so good, boys often just mark it down to bad luck. Boys are also more prone to prorate their injury chances — a small injury is entirely OK. Girls see any chance of injury and just say no. They are smarter.

Puberty also plays a role. Apparently the section in the brain that computes emotion and social interaction is overactive during puberty, while the section designated for regulating behaviour is still a work-in-progress until early adulthood.

All this is not to justify the actions of our guy in Italy, but we should at least know what he was up against. And we should also note that he was not using his cellphone at any time during his drive. Yes, his parents took it away from him. But he was practising safe smartphone etiquette. You can't say he wasn't.

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No one knows the Honda Accord like my mother does

A maternal review.

A fan and multiple owner of Accords down the years, there was no better person to judge the latest model than my mother

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There's a Honda Accord expert in my family, and it isn't me.

Angie Pritchard is my mom. She drives a grey, four-cylinder, automatic 2000 Honda Accord. It replaces her 1996, which was powder blue, and equipped similarly. That earlier model had 400,000 kilometres of reliable service when she sold it. Her current Accord has 245,000. Both posed few problems, started reliably at 30 below, and got mom around when she needed to purchase ingredients or come visit her favourite son.

Charged with creating an evaluation on the new 2013 Accord Sport, I decided to hand the keys to Mom for some insight. I am, after all, desensitized to things like backup cameras and electric power steering in a way. I see them every week. Mom doesn't. She's been driving the same car every day for years, and I can hardly imagine what that's like. Turns out it was, largely, a list of the new Accord's thoughtful features that she loved the most.

"The steering is really light when you park it, I liked that"
That's the electric power steering. When the car is moving at parking lot speeds, it signals the power steering system to work harder, so you don't have to. You get normal steering feel at highway speeds, and

an easier time parking. At low speeds, you could steer with one finger.

"It's so smooth shifting."

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"I'm going to use this all the time."

Mom was talking about the 'ECON' button. Press it, and the Accord's computer brain makes changes to the sensor in the gas pedal, the engine, and the transmission. These changes work with your gentle driving to help save fuel. You press this when you're trying to drive as efficiently as possible, which mom always does.

"I love that screen, that lets you see what's behind you"

That's the backup camera. Its standard on every new Accord sold, because Honda says everyone wants one. It helps with parking and navigating while you're in reverse, and makes the area in and around the Accord safer. Winter sees it easily blocked with salty road spray, but a lick of your finger and swipe over the tiny lens as you walk by clears it.

"The turn signals blink 3 times, on their own?"

That's an added convenience when you're changing lanes. Tap the stick once, and it blinks the blinker 3 times. Makes you look like a more courteous driver, even if you aren't.

"The lights stay on, on their own"

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off when it's not, and even stay on for half minute after you lock the car, so you can see your way up to the house in the dark.



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Altima all good after check up

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Sporty, practical and ready for Canadian life, the Nissan Altima was often considered as a sportier alternative to models like the Honda Accord, Chevrolet Malibu and Ford Fusion. Available in both a sporty coupe or a traditional sedan and with one of two engines, shoppers should find no issues tracking down an Altima that's just right for their needs. Look for heated leather, navigation, Bluetooth, a sunroof, push-button start and plenty more on the options roster.

Common Issues


Start your test-drive of a used Altima by "feeling" for any unwelcomed sensations from the CVT

transmission. It should deliver power smoothly, and on an uninterrupted surge when given the boots. Revs will often wind up and stay fairly steady. This is normal. Lurching, surging or sporadic power delivery isn't. If you're unfamiliar with the feel of a CVT transmission, ask a Nissan mechanic to give it a check up ahead of your purchase. A brake warning light on the dashboard could be caused by a common master-cylinder leak which can prevent your used Altima from being able to stop. Be sure this warning light isn't present and that the brakes perform strongly. Your local Nissan mechanic will be familiar with the leaking master cylinder problem and able to diagnose it quickly if you note any issues. Opting for a high-end Altima model? Be sure to ensure its features, including automatic climate control, power seats and navigation work as expected. On any model, inspect the dashboard carefully for signs of cracking.



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Engine

 Standard was a 2.5 litre four-cylinder engine with 175 horsepower. A 3.5 litre V6 with 270 ponies was available. All Altima variants were front-wheel drive.

What owners like

 Many Altima owners report plenty of space, a comfortable ride, plenty of at-hand interior storage, a quiet ride and even good fuel economy.

What owners dislike

 Blind spots, a large turning circle, sub-par performance from the up-level BOSE stereo system and some cheap interior trim are key owner-stated complaints.

Verdict

Despite a few fairly concentrated issues, the last-generation Altima seems to be a fairly solid used-car bet, especially if it checks out with a mechanic ahead of your purchase

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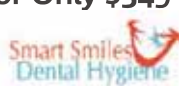
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March 21 - April 20

The important thing today is that you focus your energy in a single direction. Because if you have more than one target, you will reduce your chances of success. What is your number one goal? Make it your only goal.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may be under the impression that if you don't grab what is being offered, you will miss out or fall behind. That isn't true. You will be more of a success in the long-term if you slow down a bit now.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Jupiter, planet of good fortune, turns direct in your sign today. So there is no reason at all why you should hold back, and every reason why you should surge ahead of the pack. Show your rivals what real speed looks like.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Be careful what you say to colleagues and employers today because if they feel you are being unfair, they may turn against you. If you have to be blunt at least make sure what you say is factually true.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You won't hesitate to point out other people's faults today. In fact once you start, you may find it hard to stop. That's OK but don't forget it works both ways: Expect to have a few of your own failings highlighted.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Jupiter, planet of abundance, turns direct in the rewards and reputation area of your chart, so good things are sure to come your way. Don't worry if that seems to upset some people. They're jealous of your success.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You can afford to be optimistic and you can afford to believe that the risks you take will pay off — mostly, they will. But even when they occasionally go wrong, it won't be a big deal. You're a winner.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If you are told something of a privileged nature today, you must keep it to yourself. If you let everyone in on the secret you won't be confided in again. In fact, you may in future be the last one to know.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

This looks like an excellent day for partnerships, especially those of a romantic nature. Jupiter in your opposite sign of Gemini will wash away any issues you have with the person you love most.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You will get through tasks and chores, both at home and at work, in record quick time today. You're a whirlwind that can't be controlled! Remember though that it's not all about speed. Make a good job of what you do too.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Generally speaking, this is still one of the best times of the year for you. But with the Sun at right angles to Saturn today, you may need to watch your back. Do you have a secret enemy? Yes, it seems you do.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You are trying too hard to convince someone that you know what you are talking about. The more you try to persuade them, the more suspicious they get. But why do you need to convince them? Let your actions speak for you.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

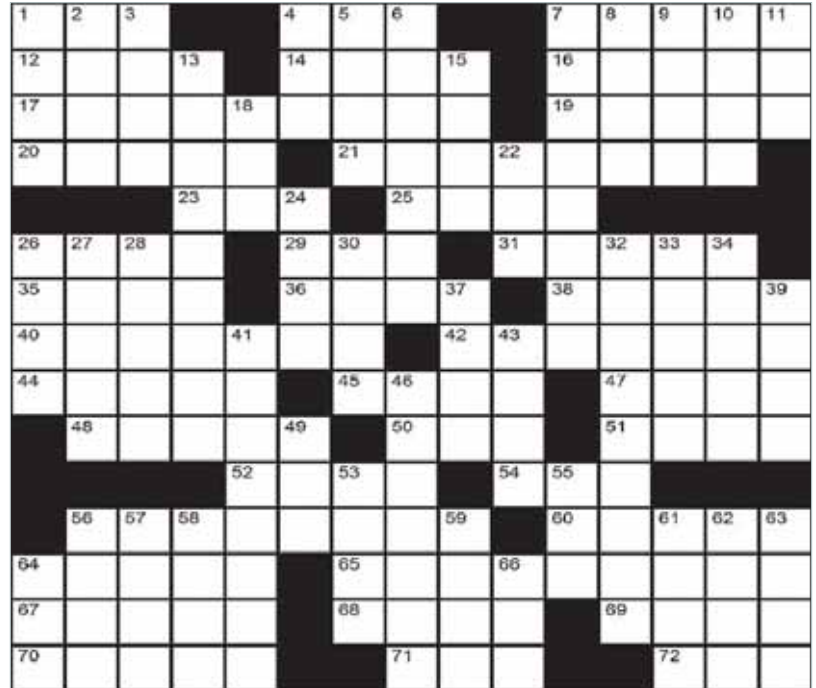
Across

1. Incidentally, texting-style
4. Blueprint
7. Big earrings
12. Press
14. Ornamental case
16. 2004 Jude Law movie remake
17. "Sunglasses at Night" singer: 2 wds.
19. 10-cent pieces
20. Van Halen guitarist
21. Born-in-Toronto film legend Mary
23. ___ Angeles
25. Popular style of cooking
26. "Holy ___!"
29. Work ___ sweat: 2 wds.
31. V- and Crew
35. Protest song by #13-Down
36. Laundry fuzz
38. "Dancing with the Stars" alum Ms. Ali
40. Vancouver players
42. Batman foe, The ___
44. Rock gig venue
45. Cosmetics company
47. "The Sopranos" actor, Robert

48. Type of cow
50. TGIF part
51. Back muscles, to a bodybuilder
52. Not found
54. "Voices Carry" by '___ Tuesday
56. Airfield in Afghanistan
60. Nova Scotia's ___ Trail
64. More wise
65. Victoria-born artist: 2 wds.
67. 'The Hub' of Nova Scotia
68. "White Flag" songstress
69. Place
70. Designer Calvin
71. Fresh
72. "For shame!"

Down

1. "American Idol" alum Bo
2. Step heavily
3. Microsoft program
4. "Not impressed."
5. ___ on the shoulder
6. Prude
7. Canadian astronaut Chris
8. Hodgepodge
9. "Being for the Benefit ___ Kite!" by The Beatles
10. ___ Piper
11. The Outsiders author Ms. Hinton's
13. Crosby, Stills & Nash bandmate, at times: 2 wds.
15. "The Seven Year ___" (1955)
18. Royal officer, for short
22. The Sunflower State [abbr.]
24. Pout
26. Dominican Republic city
27. Canadian actress Catherine



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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	1	6	3	5	4	9	2	7
9	5	4	7	8	2	3	1	6
3	2	7	6	1	9	5	8	4
4	7	1	9	6	3	2	5	8
6	8	5	2	4	1	7	3	9
2	9	3	8	7	5	6	4	1
7	3	2	4	9	8	1	6	5
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